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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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In re the application of:

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Appln. No.: 10/082,290 Group Art Unit: 2874

Filed: February 26, 2002

For: SENSING APPARATUS EMPLOYING VARIABLE COUPLER

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Sir:

Replying to the notice (copy enclosed) mailed April 15, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a Declaration and a check for \$130.00 covering the required surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to
Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§

1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to
credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension
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Respectfully submitted,

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